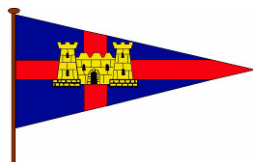


Castle Cove Sailing Club



January 2008 Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6th January
Working parties start

Saturday 26th January
Club Supper

Saturday February 16th
Valentines Dinner

Every Tuesday
Exercise & relaxation



Boxing day race participants

FROM THE COMMODORE

The last race of the winter series on Sunday 16th December seemed to follow the windy and cold pattern of the majority of the series, but a hardy group of sailors contested the Laser and Handicap trophies that were presented at the Punch Party following the last race. The atmosphere in the Club House was great – many thanks to all who provided the ‘nibbles’ and a special thank you to Sara and David for supplying a continuous flow of punch!

The final sailing activity of the year was the lighthearted Boxing Day race. Rick Bowers kindly helped out in the running of a simple triangular course with Roddy Powell laying the windward mark, a RDYC mooring acting as the gybe mark and I think Beavers mooring as the leeward mark. Surprisingly, the wind was light, the sun was out, and eight boats took part in demonstrating their light wind skills, including sailing (intentionally) backwards! I lapsed into my familiar role in the rescue boat, this time the club tender with a 2 horse outboard.

Lucy Bishop and her youngsters took the fancy dress prize with Anya De longh winning the actual race.

The winter programme of work starts on 6th January, with Barry Grant taking the lead, and as last year, we would like the volunteers to form teams or groups to address the various tasks around the clubhouse, grounds and the all important club boats.

And I've been reliably informed that we shall see the return of bacon butties for the winter working parties!

Andie and I wish you all a happy new year.

Paul Clarke

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

Congratulations to Nick Grace for winning the Class 9 Winter series, Steve green for winning the Laser class Winter series and Jemma Spicer for winning the Under 18 trophy.

The programme for 2008 is almost complete. There are some interesting winter talks starting on February 20th with a talk by Peter Eustace on his epic AZAB race to help the dark winter nights go quickly, so read the newsletters and posters in the club house.

There will be some important changes to the racing marks, the sailing instructions and the blue and yellow pages of the handbook. I can't emphasise enough to please read the handbook when you receive it, not only to check your duties, but to make sure that you are aware of these changes.

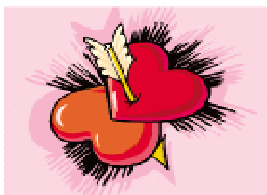
Happy new sailing year
Alison Stephens

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Handbook 2008... I am looking for a really good quality picture for the front cover it must be available digitally.... please remember that it has to be of sufficient quality for me to take the centre portion of the photograph for the handbook cover.... If you have a great picture please send by e mail

Thanks

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Valentines Dinner.....Saturday 16th Febuary....7.30pm.
(in case you forgot the 14th)

For the massively Romantic amongst you, (and for those who are just down right amorous too!) For those who pine for the subtle and intoxicating play of candle light on silk and velvet (and maybe a “bita” leather and rubber too !)For those who pine for the intoxicating.....and for those who.... just pine.

Come and be wined, dinned and entertained by the “01308” branch of CCSC .

Dress:- Romantic / Gorgeous.
Please put your names on the Clubs Notice Board List ASAP
Or Tel 01308 459860

CONSULTATION EVENING REPORT

A number of club members have asked me and members of the 2012 Planning Committee what the outcome of the Consultation Evening was, now that we have had time to study the results of a very complex analysis of what some 170 club members present (plus a number who answered our questionnaire afterwards) had to say in response to our presentation that evening.

I will therefore attempt to précis as well as I can the information that we have rendered down in as little space as possible.

The evening was attended as follows:

Keelboat sailors	54%
Dinghy sailors	41%
Both	5%

with which we were delighted as it gave a good representative balance.

On the subject of whether we should host Team GBR, we had a pretty unanimous 'YES', but there were a few caveats particularly associated with the fact that they should pay their way.

The issue of who should benefit from any income/improved facilities was strongly in favour of the club members and the wider community.

There was a heavy weighting in the response from club members that we should allow maximum disruption to our sailing for maximum gain, particularly in 2012, less in 2011 and less again in 2010. The feeling over disruption in use of the clubhouse in the same three periods was only slightly less enthusiastic, and there were a number of comments about members being still able to use the club as a venue to watch the Olympics themselves during the events.

In the anonymous vote on how much volunteering we could expect from club members in supporting the use of the facilities, the balance clearly ranged between the 'occasional' and 'some' choices.

Our biggest dichotomy as a committee is to respond to the vote that showed the members wanting the club to take a highly commercial position while avoiding as much risk as possible. This will be a difficult balance to achieve where there are capital projects involved, but we will see what we can make of it.

As well as the responses to the main questions that we asked, we had a huge number of additional comments that were extremely diverse, with very good points raised, such as how we want the Club to be after the Olympics. The comments showed that members were both aware of the huge opportunities that the games should give us while also being acutely aware of the major disruption that we may have to endure!

A major thank you to all of those who attended and took part – we will try and keep all members as informed as we can over our progress with this huge project as it develops.

Rick Pegrum



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

A huge thank you to all who contributed in time or in kind on Friday and Saturday to make the evening such a success. There were some wonderful costumes, the room looked fantastic, the food was good with lots of choice, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

The guests succeeded in creating some beautiful roses of various colours, identifying the constituents of D's interesting liquor in "drink me" bottles, making some very unusual looking flamingos, and even playing an exciting game of croquet with them.

Very many thanks to all who gave their time and effort - there was a great team of galley staff producing the food, and a marvellous washing up team on the night, so that all was clean and put away before the last guests had left and the room was cleared.

Sara tells me we made a profit of £278.00, which is likely to be shared between CLIC and RNLI.

Cathie Williams, Ladies sailing

CLUB SUPPER

with a PUB (type) QUIZ

on

Saturday 26th January 2008

Just make up a team of 4 to 6 persons
or
come along and join a team on the night!

A list is up in the clubhouse or phone Andrea on 782220.

WINTER BOAT MAINTENANCE 2008

As you all know, marshalling the skills and attendance of our volunteer force is vital to the refurbishment process of our small fleet of motorboats.

WITHOUT THEM (MOTORBOATS AND VOLUNTEERS), WE CANNOT RUN THE CLUB EFFECTIVELY.

Therefore communication, communication, communication is the key. Please, Please, Please, make sure your Email server is accepting incoming messages from this address: bobrichardson@bobrichardson.org.uk

I am currently experiencing a 30-40% failure rate whenever I send out an "all members" email. Bearing in mind not all members *have* email, this leaves us with a diminishing number of people to work with, once other duties have been fulfilled.

On a more positive note, the "Members' Projects" scheme last year worked very well. (See the preliminary lists below). I hope to make this a main plank of the 2008 maintenance programme.

2008 Boats Committee

Sadly, we are losing Robin Carter as chairman. He's "goin' orf' sailin'" for the season and leaving us with all this work. Seriously though, good luck, Robin and Sue, and thank you for all your hard work, it has been a pleasure working with you. Peter Eustace is taking over the duties of chairman, while Bob Richardson takes on the title of Bosun and continues to see to all the practical stuff, as below. Julie Chapman, Bob Todd and Bill Barker continue on the committee, and we are joined by Roy Cummings who, after a career looking after HM's war canoes, should find our fleet of little ships to be a piece of cake. His expertise will certainly be very useful.

Weekly Progress Report

The weekly reporting on the club web site will recommence when all the boats are ashore and work has started

Boats Ashore:

- Don's Choice is in the tent, drying out nicely.
- Silver Seal is parked at the western end of the boat park. Silver Seal was broken into a few weeks back, so the door needs repairing.

Both Jennies are ashore and await our loving attention. We are going to attempt antifouling them this year. According to experts, nothing sticks to them. Well tell that to the marine life.

Cadet tender 'Puffin'

As you know the little orange tender was eventually re-named 'Puffin'. Enjoy her and do look after her. She has her own equipment. Oars, anchor, bucket, sponge, bailer, washing up liquid, and a paddle/boat hook. This tender is for the use of cadets and cadet parents to 'Get on the water' and get involved. She will need a bit more maintenance this year, below are the obvious bits.

- Damage to gunwales
- Damage to transom

Parents, please make the effort to find out where the oars, etc are kept, and make use of her.

New for 2008

The middle store (Next to the tractor shed) is to have its doors widened so we can get boats in there. The intention is to use it exclusively for boat storage, maintenance, and cadet activities. Watch this space...

The maintenance of the club *Sailing* boats is now also under the wing of the boats committee. Club *Sailing* boats:

- Topper 'Roll Over'
- Topper 'Top-a-Lot'
- Topper 'Windfall'

- Optimist 'Titmouse'
- Laser 'Alf's'

These boats have not been surveyed yet.

Members' Projects for 2008

To get a feel for what is going on next year, the following jobs need to be tackled by individuals or a small team, with a team leader, through to completion. This means we can use the volunteer force to its optimum without flogging the proverbial.

I will provide materials, paint, and the consumables needed. Members can then contribute throughout the week, at their convenience, and make things easier for the main work parties at the weekend.

An undercoat, rubbing down between coats, a second coat, collecting parts, bending on fenders, etc. etc, etc. It worked very well last year.

BEAVER

- Make a new engine housing (*A new engine is being fitted, so the new cover must be made to accommodate this*)

Bilge pump upgrade (*We need to identify and site an 'out of the water' pump, and route the suction hose to the bilge. The wiring will be done professionally*).

IDLER

- Refurbish or modify as necessary the engine housing to improve the weather proofing.

Re-seal aft deck to improve weather proofing, and install a suitable weather proof inspection hatch. (*Both these jobs will be subject to Nick Spicer's advice*) (*We need to identify and site an 'out of the water' pump, and to route the suction hose to the bilge. The wiring will be done professionally*).

DON'S CHOICE

- Make a new engine housing

Clean and repair as necessary. Repair floorboards (*They appear to have come through another year reasonably unscathed, a testament to the maker*)

SILVER SEAL

- Repair the door (*post break-in. They used a crowbar to lever down the top half of the outer skin, but the frame appears to be intact*)

Attach fins or vanes to the outboard leg to act as a rudder. (*This is a common practice, and we think it will vastly improve her handling, I need to look at what's on the market, but if anyone has previous knowledge, please come forward.*)

Call Bosun Bob Richardson if you want to get involved in the planning of these projects.

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Britain's newest tall ship combines sail training and adventure holidays



Pelican of London sails the Atlantic Ocean in 16 days

Sail design based on Barbary pirates makes the Pelican look like a pirate ship in the Caribbean

TS Pelican of London, Britain's newest tall ship has been built to provide sail training opportunities for people of all ages. She provides a mix of traditional surroundings, luxurious living accommodation including on suite cabins, fully fitted galley mess and saloon.

The Pelican was converted from a French Arctic vessel under the supervision of Commander Graham Neilson RN. She has a unique sail rig designed by Philip Goode, a world expert in this field. This design is based on the Xebec (chebec) used by Arab traders and the fierce but hugely successful Barbary pirates. More information about this can be found at www.weatherlysquareriggers.com

On her first ocean sail training voyage the Pelican crossed the Atlantic in just 16 days arriving at Barbados. The training voyage ends just before Christmas when the Pelican arrives at St Lucia and ready to change from training to holiday trim. The first group of holiday crew will sail along the eastern chain of the Caribbean islands. There are six double berth cabins, all of which can be converted to accommodate up to four people. The Pelican can accommodate up to 24 holidaymakers in comfort. For more details of the layout of the ship and facilities please see www.adventureundersail.com

In addition to island hopping holiday crew can enjoy windsurfing, diving or just swimming in the secluded, sun drenched bays. Exploring the Islands and having an unforgettable tropical experience with a real spice of adventure.

Voyagers are invited to sign ship's articles and become temporary crew. This entitles them to become actively involved in the working of the ship if they want. This adds to the authenticity of the voyage both at sea and ashore.

After warm months in the Caribbean the pelican returns to her training role for the homeward bound voyage. Trainees joining the ship in March will spend about a month in the Caribbean before crossing the Atlantic via Bermuda and the Azores. The homeward bound voyage can be completed as a whole or any of the three legs.

In July 2008, once back in her home port of Weymouth and after maintenance has been completed she will take part in the tall ships race from Liverpool to Norway. This is an opportunity for people to experience the excitement of tall ship sailing at low cost. Other sailing opportunities are planned during her summer stay in European waters but she is in demand by organisations such as film companies.

Further ahead in time she may sail from South America, through the Panama Canal and out to the Galapagos, possible returning via Cape Horn. The exact details are still under discussion.

A stipulation for the tall ships race is that at least half the crew are under 25

Graham Poullain

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NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for contributions for the next Newsletter is the **24th of January**. Read this Newsletter on the website www.ccsc.org.uk - click on Social, then Club Newsletters. You will see it all in full glorious colour and the photographs are much more impressive than in the copy sent through the post.

PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS and I can send you a link to the Newsletter as soon as it is out (instead of waiting for printing and the post). E-MAILS ARE SENT AS BLIND COPIES SO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SEEN BY ANY OTHER RECIPIENTS. *It usually only takes a couple of minutes to download.* The fewer paper copies we send out the more money we can save for the Club – you will be aware from the accounts that it is expensive to produce. And, of course, if you read it on screen, it saves trees.

Celia Rushton – newsletter@ccsc.org.uk (This will always forward to my current e-mail address) – or **07977 912407 or 01305 769489.**

FOR SALE/WANTED

WINTER OPPORTUNITIES

WALKER BAY 8' DINGHY £295

Little used. Can be seen in Bridport and delivered reasonable distance

YANMAR 2GM20 ENGINE

Can be seen running in Olivia K on Portland Until new larger engine fitted Can propel Olivia K at over 6 kts. Offers invited.

LIFERAFT 4 PERSON IN VALISE £300

Plastimo Cruiser 4 standard Vacuum packed in waterproof bag Dated 2004 Never used. Immaculate Would need servicing

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Wayfarer for sale

Snowgoose 2, sail no. 10087

Built late 1999, + S model (foam sandwich hull construction) to full racing spec by Porters.

Sails include full set of McNamara and Pinnel & Bax racing sails (2006), and an older set of racing sails used for cruising.

Racing spec includes muscle box, slot gasket, mast ram, pump action spinnaker hoist.

Also set up for cruising, with oars & rowlocks, out-board engine bracket, anchor & warp, sailing compass.

Includes road trailer & launching trolley, over cover and under cover

Price £5,000 ono (if one set of sails not needed, can reduce the price)

Contact Hugh de longh, Tel: 01305 251190 Email: deiongh@btinternet.com

International Canoe for sale

King Crimson, sail no 281

Asymmetric sailing canoe, built 1998.

Carbon fibre hull (deep pink/crimson colour) and carbon Superspar mast. Hyde Technora main and Dacron jib, + 22 sqm & 18 sqm asymmetric spinnaker

Road trailer and launching trolley, overcover, and trailing under and over covers.

A beautiful and challenging boat to sail!!

Price £5,000 ono

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